

The Vision Council Board of Directors unanimously approved the formation of the Emerging Optical Leaders Committee, which is tasked with identifying and developing the next generation of optical industry leaders for The Vision Council.



Potential members of the Emerging Optical Leaders Committee must be employed by an organization in good standing as a member of The Vision Council, currently hold or be on track for an executive level role in 3-5 years, be age 35 or younger (may move to Alumni Advisor role at 40) and be nominated by a senior executive within their company.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the committee will utilize mentoring, training and networking opportunities to enrich the value emerging leaders bring to their companies and the optical industry at large. An inaugural leadership team, chaired by Ryan Kirkpatrick of Shwood Ltd., has been established for the committee, and a scholarship program has been created to connect emerging optical leaders with established industry leaders at the 2017 Executive Summit.

Members of the industry interested in joining the Emerging Optical Leaders Committee, or those looking for more information on nominating a scholarship recipient, can [e-mail Renae Shepherd](#), The Vision Council's Senior Director of Meetings and Education.